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GIPSA Seeks Comments on Grains, Oilseeds, Rice, Pulses, and Related Products

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 2016 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is seeking public comment in the Federal Register from producers, handlers, processors, food manufacturers, exporters, importers, consumers, scientists, academicians, industry stakeholders, and other interested persons on how GIPSA can best facilitate the marketing of grains, oilseeds, rice, pulses, and related products or products made from them, including co-products of ethanol production, commonly referred to as distillers’ grains (DDG), based on market-identified quality attributes. This effort is critical to help ensure that standards and official grading practices remain relevant in the market. GIPSA invites comment on the relevance of current standards, methods, and grading practices, and on potential market needs for new standards or services.

All interested persons are encouraged to comment on the following issues:

1. Are there any market-identified quality attributes that GIPSA does not currently describe (or provide testing) that would facilitate the marketing of grain, oilseeds, and related products?
2. What role should GIPSA take, if any, in standardizing the testing of inputs and outputs of ethanol co-product processing? Has anything changed in the marketing of ethanol and

ethanol co-products since GIPSA's last Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) in 2007 related to standardization, product description, or quality assessment?

3. Are there any other services that GIPSA could offer to facilitate the marketing of grain, oilseeds, or related products?

"The production of distillers' grains has continued to grow in recent years concurrent with increased ethanol production. GIPSA will broadly refer to "distillers' grains" as being any of the plethora of co-products generated by dry-mill ethanol plants, including distillers' wet grains (DWG), distillers' dried grains (DDG), distillers' wet grains with solubles (DWGS), distillers' dried grains with solubles (DDGS), and condensed distillers' solubles (CDS), unless otherwise specified," said Randall Jones, Deputy Administrator, Federal Grain Inspection Service.

According to USDA's Economic Research Service, the United States produced an estimated 44.6 million metric tons of DDGS in the 2014/15 crop year, compared to 12.4 million metric tons of DDGS in 2006/07, when GIPSA's last sought comment on this matter. Increasing supply, two years of higher prices for competing feeds (soybean meal and corn), and successful foreign market development efforts by USDA and trade associations have led to a surge in DDGS exports from the United States. Exports now constitute nearly 25 percent of domestic DDGS production, totaling 11.0 million metric tons in the 2014/15 crop year, compared to exports of only 14.5 percent of production, totaling 1.8 million metric tons in 2006/07.

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